

SENATE BILL 662

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2025

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – 46th Alcoholic Beverages District – Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a memorandum of understanding between a certain licensee
4 and a community association within a certain bounded area in the 46th alcoholic
5 beverages district before the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City may
6 issue a license in or transfer a license to the bounded area; extending for a certain
7 amount of time the expiration of a certain license in the 46th alcoholic beverages
8 district for the purpose of transfer; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages
9 licenses in Baltimore City.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
12 Section 12–102
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
17 Section 12–1605(b)(5)
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20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Chapter 1026 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

4 12–102.

5 This title applies only in Baltimore City.

6 12–1605.

7 (b) (5) For an establishment that is within 300 feet of the nearest point of a
8 place of worship or school, the Board may issue a license in or approve the transfer of a
9 license into the area specified in paragraph (1)(ii)6 of this subsection only if the license
10 holder has received a letter of support from [a] **THE** place of worship or school that is within
11 the bounded area **AND HAS ENTERED INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**
12 **WITH A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION THAT IS WITHIN THE BOUNDED AREA.**

13 **Chapter 1026 of the Acts of 2024**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

15 (a) (1) Notwithstanding § 12–1705 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
16 Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises on the 2800 block of O’Donnell Street
17 shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2024, for the purpose of completing a
18 transfer of ownership at the same location.

19 (2) Notwithstanding § 12–1604.1 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
20 Article, a holder of a Class D beer and light wine license on the 3200 block of Eastern
21 Avenue may apply to the Board to convert to a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license if the
22 license holder meets each requirement in § 12–1604.1 except for the requirement to
23 maintain average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 51% of the total daily
24 receipts.

25 (3) Notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
26 Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises in the 1600 block of Eastern Avenue
27 shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2025, for the purpose of completing a
28 transfer of ownership and transfer of location to a premises in the 600 block of South
29 Caroline Street.

30 (4) (i) Notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and
31 Cannabis Article, a Class B license issued for a premises in the 3500 block of Boston Street
32 shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, [2025] **2028**, for the purpose of
33 completing a transfer of ownership and a transfer of location to a premises in the 3600 block
34 of Boston Street.

1 (ii) If a Class B license transferred to the 3600 block of Boston Street
2 under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph was originally issued as a Class B–D–7 license,
3 the license holder may apply to the Board to convert the Class B license back to a Class
4 B–D–7 license.

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6 Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises in the 600 block of South Luzerne
7 Avenue shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2025, for the purpose of being
8 renewed to the current license year by the licensee.

9 (b) The Board may not authorize the transfer of a license in ward 24, precinct 5
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